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CA ACLU RIGHTS FOR IMMIGRANTS

JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:03

The American Civil Liberties Union released a public service announcement to inform immigrants of their rights following the U.S. Supreme Court decision to uphold the controversial "show me your papers" provision. The PSA is intended to educate people on their rights during traffic stops and other encounters with the police. It was produced in both English and Spanish, featuring ACLU Immigrants Rights Project attorney, Andre Segura. "The purpose of the PSA is to remind all individuals that everyone has basic constitutional rights and that the Supreme Court's decision did not change those rights," Segura said in a statement to Fox News Latino. "This is not a protest against the Supreme Court's decision - it is meant only to educate the public about our constitutional rights."

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ARPAIO SB1070 ARRESTS

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents have responded to Maricopa County Sheriff deputies' request to take custody of two suspected illegal immigrants in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Sheriff Joe Arpaio said Monday evening's encounter was the first between his deputies and federal officers since the recent Supreme Court decision to uphold part of Arizona's controversial immigration law. The Supreme Court upheld the provision in the law that allows police to try to determine the immigration status of people they stop or arrest if they have a reasonable suspicion that they're in the country illegally.

HEALTHCARE LAW CALIFORNIA

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:50

Close to two million Latinos in California will be covered under the Affordable Care Act either through Medi-Cal expansion or through the Health Exchange. It's really the most important [sector] for a couple of reasons -- because that's the population that's going to pay the most out-of-pocket for health services, medications and other services, and also because it's the largest uninsured population that we have in California.

FIRST EVER HIV HOME TEST

VO :18

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first over-the-counter HIV test, allowing Americans to test themselves for the virus that causes AIDS in the privacy of their homes. The OraQuick test from OraSure is designed to detect the presence of HIV using a mouth swab within 20 minutes. Government officials estimate one-fifth, or about 240,000 people, of the 1.2 million HIV carriers in the U.S. are not aware they are infected. Testing is one of the chief means of slowing new infections, which have held steady at about 50,000 per year for two decades.

5 MILLION IN VITRO BABIES

VO :23

The International Committee for Monitoring Assisted Reproductive Technologies, an independent, international non-profit organization that collects and disseminates world data, presented their estimates of successful births resulting from IVF and ICSI treatments at the 28th annual meeting of ESHRE the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology, on Sunday. They based their 5 million estimate on "the number of IVF and ICSI treatment cycles recorded worldwide up to 2008 with estimations added for the following three years," according to an ESHRE press release. The release goes on to say that the cumulative total of births was put at 4.6 million for last year, and that this year it will reach about 5 million.

NO PERFUMES GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

VO :24

Wearing perfume or after-shave? You're not allowed in here. That's the message some government offices and hospitals are giving visitors. Tuttle, Okla., warns on its website and in signs that visitors to City Hall must "remain at the front of the building" if they're wearing fragrances. "Every now and then, you get some people who think it's stupid," says City Manager Tim Young, but fragrance-free air is a relief for allergy sufferers. Portland, Ore., banned fragrance use by city workers last year and asked custodians to use unscented cleaning products.

TEEN SEXTING ON THE RISE

VO :28

Researchers from the university of texas medical branch in galveston surveyed seven texas high schools and found that 28 percent of nearly 1,000 students had sent a sext and 31 percent had requested one from someone else. More than half of the students surveyed had been asked for a nude photo. Most teens surveyed said they were at least somewhat bothered when asked for a sext. Twenty-seven percent of girls reportedly felt very bothered by the invitations versus 3 percent of boys.

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RECORD HEAT 4th OF JULY

VIVIANA AVILA. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG 2:00

George Washington never had air conditioning, but he knew how to keep cool: a mansion with lots of windows elevated on the banks of a wide, rolling river and lots of ice cream, maybe with a little brandy. It was a little like the old days without electricity Wednesday, as the nation's capital region celebrated Independence Day the better part of a week into a widespread blackout that left millions of residents sweltering in 90-plus degree heat without air conditioning. Utilities have slowly been restoring service knocked out by a freak storm Friday from the Midwest to the Mid-Atlantic, and at least 26 people have died in the storm or its aftermath. At George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, one of the most popular Fourth of July attractions was a demonstration of 18th-century ice cream making, one of Washington's favorite desserts. Historical interpreters Gail Cassidy and Anette Ahrens showed the crowds how cocoa beans were roasted and ground into a paste for chocolate ice cream, made using ice hauled up in massive blocks from the Potomac River and stored underground to last as long into the summer as possible.

FIREWORKS DANGERS

JORGE VIERA. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:00

Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks. Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks - devastating burns, other injuries, fires, and even death. The Alliance to Stop Consumer Fireworks is a group of health and safety organizations, coordinated by NFPA, that urges the public to avoid the use of consumer fireworks and instead, to enjoy displays of fireworks conducted by trained professionals.

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CALIFORNIA IMMIGRATION LAW

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

A bill that that would restrict California law enforcement from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement efforts passed the state Senate on Thursday. The Trust Act would prohibit police and sheriff's officials from detaining arrestees for possible deportation unless the suspects have previous convictions for a serious or violent felony. The measure is aimed at blunting federal immigration enforcement, in particular the Secure Communities program, under which fingerprints of arrestees are shared with immigration officials who issue hold orders. The legislation now goes to the Assembly, where even opponents say it is likely to pass. If signed into law, the measure would mark another in a string of state legislative efforts on behalf of California's estimated 2.55 million illegal immigrants. The bill follows several months of controversy over whether Secure Communities can be imposed on local jurisdictions, some of which adopted rules to keep local law enforcement separate from immigration enforcement.

UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT

1:00

U.S. employers added only 80,000 jobs in June, a third straight month of weak hiring that shows the economy is struggling. The Labor Department says the unemployment rate was unchanged at 8.2 percent. The economy has added just 75,000 jobs a month in the April-June quarter. That's one-third of 226,000 a month created in the first quarter. Job creation is also trailing last year's pace through the first six months of 2012. A weaker job market has made consumers less confident. They have pulled back on spending, even though gas prices have plunged. High unemployment could shift momentum to Mitt Romney, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee. An Associated Press-GfK poll released last month found that more than half of those surveyed disapproved of President Barack Obama's handling of the economy.

MORTGAGE RATES

LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:11

They've enabled banks to pay almost nothing to depositors and on money borrowed from other banks or the government. They're paying an average of 0.5 percent on money-market accounts and interest checking accounts. Yet they charge their own borrowers much higher rates on credit cards and other loans. They're taking in an average of around 16 percent on credit cards, 5.7 percent on home equity loans, 3.8 percent on auto loans and 3.6 percent on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages

OBAMA SIGN TRANSPORTATION BILL

VO :20

President will sign a two-year transportation funding bill into law. It includes the RESTORE Act, which would funnel billions of dollars in Clean Water Act fines from the Louisiana and the four other Gulf states. To help pay for the bill, it also cuts \$651 million in federal Medicaid assistance to Louisiana. The cuts will force cuts in medical services for the state's poorest citizens, including elimination of a program that provides care for women with breast cancer and cervical cancer, and many foster children. Also slated to be eliminated is Medicaid's hospice program and adult denture program in Louisiana.

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NCLR CONFERENCE

JAIME GARCIA - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

PKG: 2:08

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INTERNET WOES

GALO ARELLANO - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 1:57

Internet users scanning their Twitter feeds or Facebook accounts Sunday might want to add one more quick click to check their computer for malware. Thousands of people around the country whose computers were infected with malicious software more than a year ago faced the possibility of not being able to get online after midnight EDT. At 12:01 a.m. EDT, the FBI planned to shut down the Internet servers set up as a temporary safety net to keep infected computers online for the past eight months. The court order the agency obtained to keep the servers running expired, and it was not renewed.

PRESCRIPTION TOURISTS

VO: 23

Authorities trying to crack down on prescription painkiller abuse at home say they're stymied by so-called drug tourists, people traveling to states like Florida and Georgia where the drugs are easier to obtain. Investigators say these prescription tourists thwart local efforts to combat the illegal sale of painkillers and to treat addicts by bringing huge volumes of drugs in from outside. Prescription tourists are based in a variety of states, but investigators in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia are among the busiest trying to track the trips. The lucrative business involves drug dealers dispatching underlings to states with numerous pill mills where they load up on painkillers, then return to sell the drugs to addicts willing to pay as much as \$100 a pill.

NCLR CONFERENCE DAY # 2

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VOTER ID LAWS

VO: 31

Despite limited evidence of fraud, 11 states approved new rules over the past two years requiring people to provide identification when they vote. Some laws mirror those in Indiana and Georgia, the first to adopt strict ID rules. An Associated Press review of absentee ballots from those states found that more than 1,200 votes were tossed during the 2008 general election. The numbers suggest that the legitimate votes rejected by the laws are far more numerous than the cases of fraud that the rules are trying to prevent.

CALIFORNIA BUDGET CUT CONSEQUENCES FOR HISPANICS

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 1:44

Gov. Jerry Brown and Democratic lawmakers have long warned of dire consequences if California voters reject a proposed tax hike on the November ballot. In adopting a \$91.3 state billion budget, they made it clear it wasn't a hollow threat. Lawmakers approved and the governor signed \$6 billion in automatic cuts late Wednesday that will go into effect if the initiative fails. Distasteful provisions added in the final days of negotiations authorized shorter school years, less money for local police, and possible fee increases at the University of California and California State University systems.

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OBAMA & GOP TAX FIGHT

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:06

President Barack Obama is launching a push to extend tax cuts for the middle class, starting with an address from the White House on Monday. A senior administration official says Obama will call for a one-year extension of tax cuts for people making less than \$250,000 a year. House Republicans are expected to push this month for a measure to extend all of the Bush-era tax cuts due to expire at the end of the year, including reductions on wealthier income earners. An official at Obama's re-election campaign says it will promote the president's economic agenda in a series of events this week in battleground states, including New Hampshire, Colorado and Nevada. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity in order to preview Obama's announcement.

TEXAS LAUNCHES CHALLENGE TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BLOCK OF VOTER ID LAW

JAIMA GARCIA. LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

PKG 2:13

Civil rights groups have condemned state's voter ID law as discriminatory against minorities and those without licences will launch a challenge to a central piece of civil rights legislation in a Washington court on Monday in a case the administration has characterised as a fight to protect the right to vote. The five-day hearing will rule on whether the US justice department has the power to block Texas from implementing a state law requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls - a move critics say will disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of people, principally Latinos and other minorities. The decision by a federal court is likely to have a bearing on a flood of similar legislation in other states over recent years although the issue is expected to end up before the supreme court. The Obama administration blocked the Texas legislation using a clause in the 1965 Voting Rights Act which requires 16 states with a history of discriminatory laws and practices to clear all or some changes in voting laws and constituency boundaries with the justice department.

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LAWSUIT MIRAMONTE SCHOOL

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Lawyers representing fourteen (14) mothers of children who were victims at Miramonte Elementary School will announce the filing of a new lawsuit against the Los Angeles Unified School District. The children of the fourteen mothers were sexually abused between the years of 2002 and 2011 by teacher Mark Berndt. The lawsuit of the mothers against the Los Angeles Unified School District alleges that the LAUSD was negligent and did not protect their children from sexual abuses; and that the Los Angeles

Unified School District completely ignored previous complaints against Mark Berndt that had been made by parents since the 1990-1991 school year.

HOLDER VOTING RIGHTS

VO :23

Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday he opposes a new photo ID requirement in Texas elections because it would be harmful to minority voters. In remarks to the NAACP in Houston, the attorney general said the Justice Department "will not allow political pretexts to disenfranchise American citizens of their most precious right." Under the law passed in Texas, Holder said that "many of those without IDs would have to travel great distances to get them -- and some would struggle to pay for the documents they might need to obtain them." Holder made the comments amid a trial in federal court in Washington over the 2011 law passed by Texas' GOP-dominated Legislature that requires voters to show photo identification when they get to the polls.

BORDER PATROL STATIONS TO CLOSE

VO :25

The Obama administration is moving to shut down nine Border Patrol stations across four states, triggering a backlash from local law enforcement, members of Congress and Border Patrol agents themselves. Critics of the move warn the closures will undercut efforts to intercept drug and human traffickers in well-traveled corridors north of the U.S.-Mexico border. Though the affected stations are scattered throughout northern and central Texas, and three other states, the coverage areas still see plenty of illegal immigrant activity -- one soon-to-be-shuttered station in Amarillo, Texas, is right in the middle of the I-40 corridor; another in Riverside, Calif., is outside Los Angeles.

OBESITY CONTAGIOUS

VO :22

Obesity is contagious - with people who have a higher number of fat friends or relatives at greater risk of becoming obese themselves, new research warns. And while standing beside a fat pal has long been regarded as a way of looking good in pictures, the new findings could spell the end of fat-thin friendships. Researchers have found a number of ways that fat people could influence their pals' girth.

BLOOMBERG APARTMENT PROPOSAL

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:08

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has yet another idea to improve the lives of New Yorkers: micro apartments. Yesterday he proposed that single people should live in studios no larger than 300 square feet. The size

of this apartment is now considered illegal because it's so small, but never fear, the good mayor plans on changing the zoning laws so the new tiny apartments will be legal. One might think that an apartment that's barely large enough for a toaster would be cheaper to rent. Does \$2,000 a month sound cheap? Didn't think so. The mayor said that single-person apartments are rare in the city and are in high demand. But it's an apartment that people want not a room that's the size of half a train car.

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HEALTHCARE REPUBLICANS

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:50

Pressing an election-year point, Republicans pushed yet another bill through the House on Wednesday to repeal the nation's two-year-old health care law, a maneuver that forced Democrats to choose between President Barack Obama's signature domestic achievement and a public that is persistently skeptical of its value. The vote was 244-185, with five Democratic defectors siding with Republicans.

COLORADO IMMIGRANTS

VO :24

Weld County District Attorney Ken Buck wants immigrants in his county to trust him, he said Tuesday as he announced a new program designed to educate them about their rights. Buck's office is investigating multiple scams that have targeted members of the immigrant community. Buck and Heath Montgomery, spokesman for the district attorney's office, said so far they have been unable to file charges in any of those cases.

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MINORITIES TO BE COMPENSATED FOR BAD LOANS

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

The Justice Department announced a fair-lending settlement with Wells Fargo & Co., Thursday morning that will compensate tens of thousands of the bank's African-American and Hispanic borrowers who were steered into high-cost, subprime mortgages. A \$175 million price tag is attached to one part of the national settlement, compensating more than 34,000 Wells' customers nationally whose loans were originated by non-bank mortgage brokers. Another undetermined sum, expected to be many more millions of dollars, will be used to compensate victims who received bad mortgages directly from Wells Fargo employees. The bank still has to review its records to identify those customers. In Illinois, the known part of the settlement includes \$8 million in cash payments that will be made to 3,300 customers.

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